

LETTER

FROM

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,

RECOMMENDING

An amendment to H. R. No. 10349, making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894.

FEBRUARY 3, 1893.—Referred to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads and ordered to be printed.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL,
Washington, D. C., February 3, 1893.

SIR: By the act of Congress approved July 13, 1892, authority was given to the Postmaster-General to establish, in the Government building upon the ground of the World's Columbian Exposition, a branch station of the Chicago (Ill.) post-office, and provision was made for the necessary expenses of conducting the same, section 4 of said act being in the following words:

SEC. 4. That the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized to establish in the Government building, upon the ground of the World's Columbian Exposition, a branch station of the Chicago (Illinois) post-office; and there is hereby appropriated the sum of forty thousand dollars for clerks, letter-carriers, and incidental expenses necessary to maintain the same, and a further sum of twenty-three thousand dollars for transportation of mails by railroad and mail messenger service, the branch office herein provided to begin not earlier than January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-three.

Inasmuch as the act from which the foregoing section is quoted is for the present fiscal year only, there would seem, on examination, to be some room for question by the accounting officers of the Treasury as to whether the two items of appropriation under consideration will be available for expenditures incurred after the 30th of June next; and since the needs of this special service will obviously continue long beyond that date it is respectfully suggested that, to remove all doubt upon the subject and to carry out the intent of the law, the following provision be inserted in bill H. R. 10349, making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894, now pending in the House of Representatives:

That so much of the appropriation of \$40,000 made by section 4 of the act of Congress approved July 13, 1892, making appropriations for the postal service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, for clerks, letter-carriers, and incidental expenses necessary to maintain a branch station of the Chicago (Ill.) post-office in the Government building upon the ground of the World's Columbian Exposition, and also

of the appropriation of \$23,000 provided for by said section for transportation of mails by railroad and mail messenger service, as shall remain unexpended on the 30th of June, 1893, be, and the same is hereby, continued during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, etc.,

JNO. WANAMAKER,
Postmaster-General

Hon. CHARLES F. CRISP,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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